

**JOE LAJEUNESSE**

**v.**

**Decision #98-12**

**OLD KING'S HIGHWAY REGIONAL HISTORIC  
DISTRICT COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWN OF  
DENNIS**

On Tuesday, June 7, 1998, the Commission held a hearing on Appeal #98-12 filed by Joe LaJeunesse, seeking review of a decision by the Dennis Historic District Committee denying a Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations to a building located at 13 Washburn Place, East Dennis, Massachusetts.

Present were Edward Molans, Barnstable; William Quinn, Orleans; Elizabeth Wilcox, Dennis; Roy Robinson, Brewster; Marian Reilly, Sandwich; David Moeller, Yarmouth; Robert G. Brown, Commission Counsel; and Joe LaJeunesse, Appellant.

The Committee's decision was filed with the Town Clerk on May 14, 1998. The appeal was entered with the Commission on May 21, 1998 within the 10 day appeal period.

**THE APPELLANT'S PRESENTATION:**

Joe LaJeunesse, Appellant, addressed the Commission in favor of the appeal. He said paint will not last more than a few years on houses on Cape Cod. He said his house is not historic and is not in an historic area. He said he doesn't like to use vinyl because he is a painter with 35 years of experience.

**THE COMMITTEE'S PRESENTATION:**

Elizabeth Wilcox, representing the Dennis Committee, explained the Dennis Committee's reasons for denial. She said the Committee denied the application on a 3-2 vote as it felt the use of vinyl was inappropriate.

**DISCUSSION:**

In discussion among Commission members it was felt that the Dennis Committee used poor judgment in essentially banning the use of vinyl as the Commission has promulgated regulations for its use. The Commission felt the use of vinyl could be allowed in this case, provided proper conditions were noted.

**FINDINGS:**

The Commission made the following Findings of Fact:

1. That the Dennis Committee used poor judgment in denying the Appellants' request for a Certificate of Appropriateness. 5-0-1.
2. That the appeal be allowed, subject to the following conditions:
  - a. No "J" Channels shall be used;
  - b. No pieces shorter than 4 feet shall be used in re-siding the home;
  - c. The Dennis Committee shall be notified of these conditions, and
  - d. Trim and moulding should be covered with moulded urethane,

and that a Superceding Certificate of Appropriateness issue pursuant to these conditions. 5-0-1.

**DETERMINATION:**

As to Appeal #98-12, the appeal is allowed, subject to the above conditions.

Any person aggrieved by this decision has a right to appeal to the District Court Department, Orleans Division, within 20 days of the filing of this decision with the Dennis Town Clerk.

Marian Reilly  
Chair